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SUBJ: AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSOR FOR SINGAPORE

1. IN FOLLOW UP TO "PACIFIC RIM" PROPOSAL RAISED BY UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE VICE CHANCELLOR TOH CHIN CHYE, IN MEETING WITH CU/EA DIRECTOR HITCHCOCK, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE ASCERTAIN LIKELIHOOD OF PLACING AMERICAN PROFESSOR AT THAT UNIVERSITY EXCELLENT. PROJECT, WHICH COULD BE GERM OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM, REQUIRES PROFESSOR WHO COULD TEACH MODERN (POST WWII) AMERICAN DIPLOMACY AS PART OF HISTORY CURRICULUM, HONORS SEMINAR IN POWER POLITICS AS PART OF POLITICAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM AND UNSTRUCTURED SERIES OF SEMINARS FOR FACULTY. IN EACH OF THESE AREAS, EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON HOW U.S. POLICY RELATES TO "PACIFIC RIM" NATIONS, PARTICULARLY JAPAN, CHINA AND SOVIET UNION.

2. UNIVERSITY PREFERS SENIOR MARRIED MAN WITH AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND IS WILLING TO GRANT TITLE OF "VISITING PROFESSOR", UNUSUAL HERE. IDEALLY, THIS PERSON SHOULD BE WILLING STAY FOR TWO YEARS. SENIOR FACULTY HOUSING WILL BE PROVIDED. IN VIEW THIS PROJECT BREAKTHROUGH AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF POST ATTEMPTS, FUTURE OF PROGRAM WILL DEPEND UPON PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND PERSONAL QUALITIES INDIVIDUAL SELECTED. BOTH SHOULD BE IMPECCABLE.

3. AS COROLLARY, UNIVERSITY HAS AGREED CONSIDER SENDING FACULTY MEMBER FROM HISTORY OR POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FOR ONE YEAR POST-GRADUATE TRAINING IN U.S. IN PREPARATION FOR EVENTUAL TAKEOVER OF COURSES.

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4. THIS INFORMATION GIVEN TO US ORALLY IN MEETING TODAY WITH CHAIRMEN

OF UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS. THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING DETAILS WITH VICE CHANCELLOR WHO WILL THEN PRESENT US WITH FORMAL WRITTEN PROPOSAL.

5. PROBLEM (AS ALWAYS) IS TIMING. UNIVERSITY IS INTERESTED IN SOMEONE FOR SEMESTER BEGINNING JULY, 1975. WE HAVE INDICATED THAT CHANCES OF RECRUITING, APPROVING AND PLACING COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL BY THAT DATE ALMOST NIL AND THAT WE SHOULD THINK IN TERMS OF FULL YEAR LATER, I.E. JULY 1976. NEVERTHELESS, ACCEPTED COMMITMENT TO CHECK ON AVAILABILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE.

6. WE WILL ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE FUNDS THESE TWO GRANTS IN FY-76 CU BUDGET REQUEST. GRANT

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